

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Information identifying an operator remotely
controlling a camera can be obtained. By using voice as
means for reporting the information, it is possible to
5 achieve reporting that is ideal for a user interface.
Specifically, a client (116) is connected to a camera
server (101) via a network and is receiving a video
service obtained from a camera unit (102). When an
individual on the side of the camera server (101) issues
10 a request for the purpose of identifying the client,
e.g., an inquiry as to who is controlling the camera, by
voice, the voice is recognized. In response,
information (the user name) identifying a connected
client or the client controlling the camera is obtained
15 by voice from a speaker (112).